Snow follows ice across parts of England and Wales

9 February 2012 - The wintry weather will continue over the next few days as Atlantic weather systems stall as they move across the UK, bringing the mix of rain, sleet and snow.

As expected, freezing rain and ice brought treacherous conditions across northern Britain on Thursday, and many parts of England and east Wales could see some snow on Thursday night and into Friday.

Martin Young, Chief Forecaster at the Met Office said: "We are expecting some snow across parts of the country overnight and into Friday. Whilst there is uncertainty about where the heaviest snow will be, we expect a covering of 1 to 5 cm of snow in many areas and possibly up to 10 cm in the worst affected regions of perhaps the Midlands and southeast Wales. As a result there could be some disruption to travel.

"This is a developing situation and we would advise everyone to keep up to date with the latest forecasts and warnings so they are not caught out by the weather."

The Met Office is working closely with government departments, contingency planners and transport agencies to make sure they have the best advice available to help them prepare for possible weather impacts.

Jason Glasson, the Highways Agency's severe weather manager, said: "If you really must travel in severe conditions a few simple checks can help you complete your journey safely. Check traffic and weather conditions; check your vehicle before you set out; take a severe weather emergency kit; and always plan your journey. Remember, you should take extra care in winter, even after road surfaces have been treated with salt and are clear of snow."

You can find advice on what you can do to help keep you and your family warm, healthy and safe through the cold weather at:
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